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10 UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
11 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
12 SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION  
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14 In re  
15 SEDGWICK LLP,  
16 Debtor.

Case No. 18-31087

Chapter 11

**DECLARATION OF MICHAEL LAUTER  
IN SUPPORT OF FIRST INTERIM  
APPLICATION OF SHEPPARD MULLIN  
RICHTER & HAMPTON LLP FOR  
ORDER ALLOWING COMPENSATION  
AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES  
INCURRED AS COUNSEL TO THE  
OFFICIAL COMMITTEE OF  
UNSECURED CREDITORS FOR THE  
PERIOD FROM MAY 6, 2019 THROUGH  
JULY 31, 2019**

Date: September 5, 2019  
Time: 10:00 a.m.  
Place: 450 Golden Gate Ave., 16<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Courtroom 19  
San Francisco, CA 94102  
Judge: Hon. Hannah L. Blumenstiel



6. There is no agreement or understanding between Sheppard and any other person, other than members of Sheppard, for the sharing of compensation and expense reimbursement to be received for services rendered and costs incurred in this case.

7. All compensation and expense reimbursement requested by Sheppard have been billed at rates in accordance with practices no less favorable than those customarily employed by Sheppard and generally accepted by Sheppard's clients.

8. A copy of the detailed statement (the “Statement”) of the services performed and out-of-pocket expenses incurred by Sheppard during the Application Period is attached to the Application as Exhibit B. The Statement sets forth Sheppard's time and expense records as kept in the ordinary course of Sheppard's business, and contains the following information: the names of each attorney performing services, the description of the services, and the amount of time incurred for their services. The Statement is organized in chronological order, separated by billing categories for each task or matter (each a “Project Billing Category”) as required by the Guidelines. A summary of the professional fees incurred by each attorney or paralegal performing services, the hourly rate, the amount of time spent and related fees, is set forth on page 33 of Exhibit B.

9. A summary of the Project Billing Categories used by Sheppard during the Application Period is attached to the Application as Exhibit C. The summary includes the total professional hours spent and the total fees requested under each category.

10. Sheppard Mullin has served a true and correct copy of the Application on Kelly Kinnon, the chairperson of the Committee, inviting discussion, questions, comments, concerns or objections to the Application. A true and correct copy of that correspondence is attached to the Application as Exhibit D.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on August 15, 2019, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ Michael Lauter  
MICHAEL LAUTER